

Senate Bill 446

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st and Hill of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide that a full-time student at a public postsecondary institution can regain eligibility for a HOPE scholarship at the end of any quarter or semester; to provide that a full-time student at a private postsecondary institution can regain eligibility for a HOPE scholarship at the end of any quarter or semester; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by striking subsection (e) of Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating to eligibility requirements for HOPE scholarships at public postsecondary institutions, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(e)(1)(A) ~~A full-time student who fails to maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attempted 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours may attend the next 45 quarter or 30 semester hours without a HOPE scholarship.~~ An otherwise eligible full-time student who regains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of a any quarter or semester ~~in which the full-time student has attempted 90 or 135 quarter hours or 60 or 90 semester hours~~ may requalify for a HOPE scholarship.

(B) An otherwise eligible part-time student who regains or attains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of a quarter or semester in which the part-time student has attempted 45, 90, or 135 quarter hours or 30, 60, or 90 semester hours may attain or requalify for a HOPE scholarship.

(2) In addition to other requirements, and regardless of quarter hours or semester hours of coursework attempted, a student who fails to possess a cumulative grade point average

1 of at least 3.0 at the end of each spring quarter or semester or at the end of three
2 consecutive quarters or semesters for a part-time student pursuant to paragraph (2) of
3 subsection (b) of this Code section shall be ineligible for a HOPE scholarship until such
4 time as the student regains or attains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at
5 the end of any quarter or semester ~~one of the 45, 90, or 135 quarter hour grade point~~
6 ~~average checkpoints or at one of the 30, 60, or 90 semester hour grade point average~~
7 ~~checkpoints~~, at which time the student will regain or attain eligibility if other terms and
8 conditions in this Code section are also satisfied."

9 SECTION 2.

10 Said part is further amended by striking subsection (e) of Code Section 20-3-519.3, relating
11 to eligibility requirements for HOPE scholarships at private postsecondary institutions, and
12 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(e)(1)(A) An otherwise eligible full-time student ~~who fails to maintain a cumulative~~
14 ~~grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the~~
15 ~~student has attempted 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours may attend the next 45~~
16 ~~quarter hours or 30 semester hours without a HOPE scholarship. A full-time student~~
17 ~~who regains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the any~~
18 ~~quarter or semester in which the full-time student has attempted 90 quarter hours or 60~~
19 ~~semester hours may requalify for a HOPE scholarship. A full-time student who regains~~
20 ~~a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in~~
21 ~~which the full-time student has attempted 135 quarter hours or 90 semester hours may~~
22 ~~requalify for a HOPE scholarship.~~

23 (B) An otherwise eligible half-time student who regains or attains a cumulative grade
24 point average of at least 3.0 at the end of a quarter or semester in which the half-time
25 student has attempted 45, 90, or 135 quarter hours or 30, 60, or 90 semester hours may
26 attain or requalify for a HOPE scholarship.

27 (2) In addition to other requirements, and regardless of quarter or semester hours of
28 coursework attempted, a student who fails to possess a cumulative grade point average
29 of at least 3.0 at the end of each spring quarter or semester or at the end of three
30 consecutive quarters or semesters for a half-time student pursuant to paragraph (2) of
31 subsection (b) of this Code section shall be ineligible for a HOPE scholarship until such
32 time as the student regains or attains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at
33 the end of any quarter or semester ~~one of the 45, 90, or 135 quarter hour grade point~~
34 ~~average checkpoints or at one of the 30, 60, or 90 semester hour grade point average~~

1 checkpoints, at which time the student will regain or attain eligibility if other terms and
2 conditions in this Code section are also satisfied."

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.